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In Memoriam

Ronald Reagan
40th U.S. President
Feb. 6, 1911 - June 5, 2004



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Bertram Mau

President Ronald Reagan and wife Nancy are greeted on Hickam's flightline by inter-departmental senior leadership April 22, 1984.



Beach Safety – more than just suntan lotion

By Mr. Vince Duny
15th Airlift Wing Safety Office

Warm weather all year long is a luxury we enjoy while being assigned here on Oahu. Trips to the beach with family and friends are commonplace, and proper planning will avoid needless pain and suffering.

Foremost on your mind, before heading out for a day at the beach, should be ocean safety. Review weather and surf maps prior to heading out and know how to recognize safe beach areas. Know the limitations of the swimmers in your party and know when to say 'no' to a swimmer is planning on venturing into the ocean when the conditions are beyond their individual limits or if they have had anything alcoholic to drink.

Statistically, waves are the leading cause of individuals being swept out to sea or having serious injuries. These injuries include broken bones,

lacerations, spinal injuries, muscle bruising and death.

Many beaches around the state have signs or flags to warn individuals against entering the ocean or to inform swimmers of current hazards and conditions. But their presence alone will not prevent injury. Always review the warning sign or flag, and act accordingly.

Warning signs and flags: what are they and what do they mean?

Inner warning sign: If you see no one swimming, this is a great indicator the area is not safe for swimming. Large swells or choppy water should also be viewed as a threat to your life. Do not ignore these signs and never turn your back to the ocean.

Warning Flags: Many beaches have warning signs and flags to help you assess the danger, including high surf, rip currents, jelly fish and no swimming. Before entering the

water, ensure no warning signs are posted.

Many parents allow young children to enter the water up to their knees, thinking the danger is minimal. This is a misconception, for lateral/rip currents, backwash and shore breaks can quickly sweep young, inexperienced swimmers into dangerous situations.

Lateral currents: Those that flow parallel to the beach. They can pull you into rip currents or heavy surf by the lateral movement of strong water.

Rip currents: The leading cause of surf accidents. These currents occur from the large waves breaking on the shore and the strong flow of water rushing back out to sea. The strength of the rip current depends on the amount of water accumulating on the shoreline, and can be identified by the sandy discoloration of the water.

Backwash: Occurs with high tides on the beaches that rise sharply away from the waters edge. Backwash can

be identified by the water remaining on the beach that returns forcefully to the surf underneath the incoming waves.

This condition is extremely dangerous to small children since they may play around the edge of the surf.

Shore breaks: Occurs when waves break on the edge of the beach. This phenomenon occurs most noticeably at Sandy Beach, but it can happen anywhere. The swimmer or wave rider is slammed onto the beach with little to no water when the wave breaks, potentially causing serious injury to the neck, back and shoulder area.

Proper planning and beach safety is more than applying suntan lotion. Understanding beach safety only starts on the beach, extending well into the ocean, and can make the difference between a great day at the beach, or one that turns deadly.

If in doubt, don't go out.

Action Lines



Col. Ray Torres
15th Airlift Wing commander

Editors Note: The purpose of the Action Line is in its name – it's your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community. It also allows you to recognize individuals who go "above and beyond" in their duties – and we all know there are plenty of those folks here. All members of Team Hickam are welcome to use the Action Line, however, I urge you to give the normal chain of command the first crack at resolving problems or issues.

It's only fair to give our commanders and managers the first opportunity to work issues under their

responsibility. If you have done this and are still not satisfied, give my commander's Action Line a call. If you want me to get back to you, leave your name and number, state your issue, tell me who you have talked to and why you were not satisfied with their response. I'll work your issue and respond verbally or in writing. The Action Line number is 449-2996. Messages may also be sent by e-mail to 15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil.

Fitness center locker room concerns

Comment: I wanted to make you aware of a problem with the base fitness center. Last month the fitness center staff tried to shut the female locker room down around 8 a.m. Many of us had already stored our things for the morning workout. The fitness center staff was in the process of posting signs indicating the locker room would be closed from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., however, before I departed the signs were changed to close at 4 p.m. I went back to the locker room at 5 p.m. the same day to prepare for a dining out. The sign on the locker room door was scribbled out in pen and changed to 6 p.m. It is my impression that the base gym is poorly coordinating their efforts and when faced with a problem they are not exploring all options to make the locker rooms available to the base populace. The female locker room here has been closed more often since January than any gym I have ever been to on any base in my 10-year career. At a minimum, I would

expect to see better coordinated closures and the peace of mind to know that other options are being explored to provide maximum availability of this service to the base populace. Also, they shouldn't close the locker room for any more time than they actually need to. People use that locker room every day and when they close it does create a burden on the base populace. I realize they are trying to fix the A/C, and that's great; it'd be even better if they can coordinate their efforts so they don't appear hap-hazard.

Response: I appreciate your feedback on the Fitness Center. Admittedly, the locker room closure was poorly coordinated. In addition we didn't know for sure the locker room was going to be closed until the week prior and didn't want to put up signs until we absolutely knew it was going to be closed on the date in question. We are making every effort to improve this process between 15th Services and 15th Civil Engineer Squadrons. Our goal is to give customers the best available facility and service. Unless there is an emergency, you will see advance notification well in advance of any necessary closure. As you are aware, the air conditioning in the facility has not been working properly for some time and we are in the process of correcting this problem. The women's locker room was the first of 13 scheduled A/C unit replacements. Eventually, the MILCON project for the Fitness Center will renovate existing areas and add considerable space to the facility. I appreciate your active interest in the Fitness Center and assure you we will do a better job of informing our customers of ongoing and future improvements to this facility.

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Crisis Response Lines

Hickam Family Support Center
449-0300

Life Skills Support Center
449-0175

Law Enforcement Desk
449-6373

Base Chaplain
449-1754



Photo by Mike Dey

Drill Competition

Airman First Class Eric Miles (left) and Senior Airman Ralph Keller (right) work hard on reconstructing the sidewalk at Hickam's Aloha Conference Center so a new wheelchair-accessible sidewalk can be put in place.

AEF deployment length stretches to 120 days

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey
Kukini Editor

Team Hickam members preparing for air and space expeditionary force deployment cycle 5/6 will need to do some additional packing.

The length of their scheduled deployment is on the rise, jumping from 90 to 120 days.

Fortunately, members who are getting ready to deploy in AEF cycles 9/10 are spared the additional time requirement, according to Chief Dale Mills, 15th Military

Personnel Flight superintendent.

"Those members getting ready for Hickam's next turn in the AEF cycle will not see their deployment-length requirement change," Chief Mills said. "Members who are selected for our next cycle after that, AEF 5/6, will see their orders reflect a 120-day tour length. They are not expected to deploy until spring of next year."

The announcement was made in Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper's June 4 "Sight Picture." The reason for the change is that the requirement for deployable

forces is not expected to decrease in the foreseeable future, he said.

"Simply put, the demands on our deployable forces have not diminished and are not expected to decline for some time," General Jumper wrote. "Further, the Air Force component commander in the Central Command area of operations has asked us to deploy people for longer tour lengths to allow greater continuity for expeditionary commanders in the field."

To help extend tour lengths to 120 days, the entire AEF cycle was adjusted. The new cycle, now 20

months in length, allows for a four-month eligibility window and a 16-month training window.

General Jumper also said he intends to increase the pool of Airmen eligible for deployment. Currently, the Air Force has about 272,000 Airmen earmarked as deployment-eligible.

"I have asked all of our major commands to aggressively review the assumptions upon which they exclude Airmen from our AEFs and take immediate steps to maximize those postured (for deployment)," the general said.

Countdown to the UCI: 15th Airlift Wing prepares to prove they're the best

Editor's note: The 15th Airlift Wing Unit Compliance Inspection is scheduled to start August 9. The following is the first in an eight-part series from the 15th AW Inspector General's Office.

The 15th Airlift Wing has reached the 60-day countdown mark this year's Unit Compliance Inspection.

The inspection, performed by the Pacific Air Forces, is scheduled for August 9 through 13.

To help prepare members and their unit for the upcoming inspection, the 15th AW Inspection General's office will provide weekly

articles to the Kukini that will address specific aspects of the inspection, according to Senior Master Sgt. Martin Bradley, 15th AW IG superintendent.

"We'll provide pertinent information called 'Hot Tips' and 'Short Notes' that everyone can use as a countdown time line and memory joggers to help brainstorm new ideas," said Sergeant Martin.

This information should help members focus on the areas most likely to be included in the inspection, such as special interest items, Air Force core compliance items or mission performance checklists, as well as those areas need-

ing improvements before the UCI.

For more information, contact the IG office at 448-4444. (Information courtesy of 15th AW IG Office)

Hot Tip No 1 – Review the mission performance checklists associated with your unit. They can be found on the PACAF IG Web site at www.hqpacaf.af.mil/ig

Short Notes No 1 – Ensure the new 15th AW visual aid 90-1, Inspector General, 6 May 2004, is posted in your work center.

15th AMDS aids HIANG with dental needs

By Airman Ryan Simpson
Staff Writer

The 15th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron was recognized by the Hawaii Air National Guard Friday at a ceremony for their continuing support of the HIANG dental needs.

The 15th AMDS has been assisting the HIANG 154th Medical Squadron since they lost all assigned dental billets in November 2002.

Since that time dentists from the 15th Dental Flight provided immediate support, allowing for uninterrupted execution of the 154th dental mission and ensuring no detriment to the dental readiness of the 154th Wing personnel.

It's been help that ranges in variety of scope, according to Col. Jeff Macpherson, 15th AMDS.

"Our support consists of examining HIANG personnel during their Unit Training Assembly weekends at their facility to assess dental readiness, and providing dental treatment in our facility for those HIANG members on active duty orders," said Col. Macpherson.

Working with the HIANG members helped bring home the concept of teamwork, taking on added meaning to Senior Airman Rosie Campos, 15th AMDS technician.

"Being involved with this project clarifies the true meaning of 'total force,'" Airman Campos said. "There's no limit to what we can achieve when we work together as one."

In May 2003 the HIANG received a dentist billet; since that time the 15th Dental Flight has provided one dentist each month to the HIANG to share dental examination duty with the HIANG dentist.

At this time the 15th Dental Flight is responsible for all dental treatment for HIANG members on active duty orders, many of whom have been on extended active duty orders since the catastrophic events of September 11. The 15th



Photo by Mike Dey

Major Todd Weller (right) helps Senior Airman Rosalinda Campos (left) check some of the files that they processed in efforts to help the Hawaii Air National Guard with their dental needs.

Dental Flights provides their dental care and ensures their dental readiness for worldwide duty.

"The 15th Dental Flight is mindful of the significant role the Air Reserve Component is playing in the Global War on Terrorism," said Col. Macpherson.

"It has been our privilege to support the 154th MS, to work shoulder-to-shoulder with our Air National Guard counterparts in this Mirror Force initiative to provide field commanders from Afghanistan to Iraq with dental-ready airmen who are flying, fighting and winning in the cause of freedom".



TEAM HICKAM

News Notes

Vacation Bible School – The Hickam Chapel Center will hold Vacation Bible School June 21 through the 25 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The theme this year is "Lava Lava Island-Where Jesus' Love Flows". Register at the Chapel Center or after any weekend service. For more information, call the Chapel at 449-1754.

15th AMS Change of Command – The 15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Change of Command is scheduled for June 15 at 3 p.m. Hangar 35, Bldg 1055, Dock 2. Departing commander Maj. Shirlene Ostrov is leaving for the Pentagon to

serve as the Foreign Policy Advisor to Air Force Chief of Staff. Maj. Jonathan Bradley will assume command after serving as the Pacific Air Forces command war reserve materiel officer.

Hickam Thrift Shop – The Hickam Thrift Shop is open on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and the 2nd Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It's open for consignments on Monday, Friday and the 2nd Saturday of every month from 9 to 11 a.m. The Hickam Thrift Shop is located in the Tickets and Tours Building. Call 449-6603 for weekly limits and to be placed on the furniture waiting list.

15th SFS closures – The following 15th Security Forces offices are closed on Saturday and June 17: Pass and Registration, Reports and Analysis, Information Security and Industrial Security and Personnel Security.

Kuntz Gate Closure – Kuntz Gate will be closed to inbound and outbound traffic on Sunday for underground utility work. For more information contact 2nd Lt. Linda Lewis at 448-9259.

Volunteering in the community – For people who are interested in getting involved and lending a hand,

there are many resources to consider from the American Red Cross and the United Way to homeless shelters and Human Services and even the Cat Rescue S.A.F.E. House on Hickam. Here's link to a website that can connect you with numerous agencies in need of volunteers in Hawaii: www.volunteerhawaii.org.

Airmans Bash – The 56 council Airman's Bash has been rescheduled to June 18. It is taking place from 3 to 7 p.m. at the security forces pavillion. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Tonya Reese at 448-6371.

Base Facilities Refuse and Recycling – Dumpsters of various sizes are provided throughout the base for trash disposal. Certain dumpsters are designated for specific uses such as green waste, wood or metal. These dumpsters should only be used for disposing of the designated materials. The Base Recycling Center accepts the following materials from base facilities: paper (white, news, magazine), glass bottles and jars, plastic containers (#1 and 2), aluminum cans, cardboard and printer toner cartridges. The center also has provisions to accept wooden pallets, metals, appliances and propane tanks. Base facilities must arrange to have old A/C units purged before the center will accept them.

Housing office – Due to the personnel shortage in the Military Family Housing Office, customers are asked to make appointments prior to their visit. Make arrangements in advance to preclude extensive waiting times. For questions or to make an appointment, call the base housing office at 448- 6550.

NCOIC of Honor Guard wanted – The 15th Services Squadron is looking to fill the Honor guard noncommissioned officer position. They are looking for a super sharp junior NCO to fill this billet. Those interested should contact Master Sgt. Craig Howell, 15 SVS/CCF, at 449-1030 ext. 233.

Summer Registration begins – Term Courses registration began June 1. The first day of class will be July 6. All military members desiring tuition assistance are required to stop by the Base Training and Education Office once they receive course information from their school to include course title, course number, start/end dates of courses, number of semesters per class and cost of tuition per semester hour. TA will not be issued without the above information. For more information, contact the base education office at 448-0920 or 449-6363.

“Mom, I’m bored ...”

Summer is here, and Hickam children need something constructive to do.

By Alice Patton
15th Airlift Wing school liaison

School is out for the summer, meaning more kids will be around the base during the day. Many times kids do not pay attention when they are having fun or playing with their friends, and forget to look for cars before they cross the street, run out between parked cars or ride their bikes on the wrong side of the road.

Parents are reminded that child safety is paramount, especially during the 101 critical days of summer.

There are several construction sites on base this summer. Remind your kids that construction sites are off limits — short cuts through the sites are forbidden, no matter how many double dares they get.

Fortunately, there are fun activities that will keep kids learning throughout the summer. Make time for reading. Studies show that children who

read regularly over the summer actually gain reading skills rather than lose them.

Check out your library for a summer reading program. Hickam Library has an expansive children’s section. The local public libraries have a program called "Readiculous" running from June 14 to July 17, and is aimed at children from preschool to sixth grade. Children will receive prizes for reading at least one book a week.

Reading programs for young adults are also happening this summer. ‘Teens Rock@Your Library,’ makes teens eligible to enter a sweepstakes for shopping spree of up to \$1,000 at Pearlridge Center.

Young people who read at least one book a week are also eligible for incentives from corporate sponsors. The closest public library is the Salt Lake Library, which is located about 4 miles from Hickam next to Aliamanu Middle School.

Encourage ‘just for fun’ reading. Do your children have a favorite author? Summer might be

a great time for them to read all that author’s books.

Organize a neighborhood book swap. Admission: one book to trade. Everyone can leave with a new book.

Suggest books on which movies are based. Summer is the time when many children’s movies are released. Reading the books beforehand can make the film more interesting.

Start a ‘craziest places I’ve read this summer’ chart. Take pictures of children reading in the park, under the stairs, on a surfboard, or in the back seat of the car.

Schedule family read-aloud time. Extend bedtime for reading. Fit in extra reading whenever you can.

Of all the things parents can do to reinforce learning, helping children learn to love reading may be the most important. Get your children "hooked on books" and you’ll help them succeed in school and in life.

A Helping Hand

Sherry Burch (left) gives a brief overview of Red Cross activities to recently-arrived Team Hickam member, Capt. Kari Stone, during Hickam's Ohana Aloha briefing. The day-long event, held Monday at the base community center, helps acclimate new families into the base and local community.

Photo by Jerry Banks



Around the Air Force

A-10 pods help track bad guys, protect friendly forces

BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan -- Capt. Keith Wolak checks the Litening precision targeting pod on his A-10 Thunderbolt II before flying a mission from here. He is an A-10 pilot assigned to the 355th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

Photo by Master Sgt. Andrew Gates



U.S. AIR FORCE

Officials remind Airmen to register to vote – RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) – General elections are approaching and Air Force voting officials at the Air Force Personnel Center here are reminding everyone to register to vote.

Department of Defense officials recently announced they have worked out a plan with the U.S. Postal Service to get absentee ballots to servicemembers overseas faster, but registering to vote is the first step to getting a ballot.

Deadlines and state-specific rules on voter registration can be found on the Federal Voting Assistance Program Web site at www.fvap.gov. The site includes a list of 10 things to do to ensure a person's vote counts.

"We want to make sure each individual gets the word about voting and that they have the tools and information to apply for an absentee ballot and vote," he said. "If Airmen can't get registered online, installation voting officers will have a supply of federal postcard applications."

Contact information for base voting officers is available at local military personnel flights. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

Premium reimbursement now available for reserve component – RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) – Department of Defense employees called to active duty can now claim retroactive reimbursement of health-insurance premiums paid while on active duty supporting a contingency operation on or after Dec. 8, 1995.

To be eligible for reimbursement of Federal Employees Health Benefits premiums, the employee or former employee must meet the following requirements:

- Must have been a civilian employee of DOD at the time called to active duty.

- Must have been enrolled in FEHB and paid the employee share of the premiums, either by payroll deduction after returning from active duty or by direct payments to the payroll office during the period of active duty.

- Must have been a reserve component member.

- Must have been called or ordered to active duty to support a contingency operation as defined in section 101(a) (13) of Title 10, United States Code.

- Must have been placed on leave without pay or separated from federal civilian service to perform active duty.

- Must have served on active duty for more than 30 consecutive days for each period for which reimbursement is claimed.

For more information and procedures for filing a claim for retroactive reimbursement, visit the Benefits and Entitlements Service Team Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/be-st/res-emp-info.htm.

Current employees may call (800) 616-3775, press 2 for civilian, then 2 for benefits and entitlements. People overseas can dial the commercial direct access number for that country and then (800) 997-2378. Hearing-impaired employees can call TDD at (800) 382-0893. (Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center News Service)

PCS orders process streamlined for civilian employees – RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) – Permanent change-of-station orders for Air Force civilians moving under the career program are now being prepared by Air Force Personnel Center officials here in an effort to simplify and streamline the process for getting orders to the employees.

The majority of moves funded by the central PCS account are for career program positions; but the account also pays for moving senior executive service employees and returnees from overseas assignments.

By eliminating extra steps in the process, AFPC officials have shortened the time for an employee to get his or her orders. There are also steps that managers and employees can take to expedite orders.

Quickly negotiating a realistic reporting date and returning information forms promptly will help ensure employees have their orders in time for a successful move, Ms Gonzales said.

For more information, contact the local civilian personnel flight or visit the AFPC Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/pcs/pcs.htm.

(Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

America, France pay tribute to airborne heroes – SAINTE-MERE-EGLISE, France (AFPN) – As the United States and France paid tribute to those killed in airborne operations during the Normandy invasion, everyone was brought close to tears and every person's chest swelled with pride here June 5.

Gen. Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, saluted the World War II veterans in the audience -- most now older than 80 -- and said the new generation of servicemembers is living up to their legacy. General Myers said it was a "great and deep honor and privilege to be in the company of those who made history here 60 years ago."

He told the veterans that the United States is "grateful for your service then and your presence today."

Part of the salute came when almost 700 of today's Soldiers and Airmen jumped into the same drop zone that many of the veterans jumped into late June 5, 1944. Then, Soldiers of the 82nd Airborne Division and the 101st Airborne Division jumped from C-47s. Today's Soldiers and Airmen jumped from C-130 Hercules, HC-130s and C-17 Globemaster IIIs. The aircraft made three passes and every time the U.S. paratroopers began jumping, the veterans applauded.

The airborne veterans were stunned at the reception they received from the French and from today's servicemembers.

As the veterans walked to the grandstand at the drop zone the crowd applauded. The veterans looked around to see who famous had just walked in. While they clearly enjoyed the attention, many seemed embarrassed by it.

It was many veterans' first time back in France since 1944. Many looked out at the peaceful fields and compared it to the first time they saw it.

Following the tribute at the drop zone, the veterans and today's paratroopers went up the hill to the statue of "Iron Mike" -- the French memorial to those airborne troopers killed in the liberation of France. The mayor of Sainte-Mere-Eglise spoke of the "honor and courage" of the airborne troopers of 1944. He said his people will never forget the cost of their liberation.

"People call us heroes," said Robert Murphy, an 82nd Airborne veteran. "I wasn't a hero. The guys that didn't come back, now they were the heroes."

(Story by Jim Garamone, American Forces Press Service)

Movies

Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m.

"Kill Bill Vol. 2" – There were five on her list. Now, it's three. O-Ren Ishii and Vernita Green were the first to fall, now The Bride is out to finish the job by killing the rest. If the final three aren't

afraid now, they better start, because she's coming for them. However, something has thrown off her plans a bit.

Starring Uma Thurman and David Carradine. Rated R (for strong bloody violence, language and some sexual content).

Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m.

"Ella Enchanted" – Ella of Frell was born with the "gift" of absolute obedience given by a magical fairy god-mother. But when her inability to disobey

orders threatens to keep her away from her true love, Prince Charmont, she sets out on a journey to rid herself of the curse.

Starring Anne Hathaway and Hugh Dancy. Rated PG (for some crude humor and language).

Monday and Tuesday CLOSED

Wednesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

"Envy" – When a hapless schmo becomes rich after selling an invention called Vapoorize, which causes dog waste to vanish instantly, his longtime friend and neighbor is driven insane with envy and proceeds to wage war on him.

Starring Ben Stiller and Jack Black. Rated PG-13 (for language and sexual/crude humor).



Chapel

Protestant

Nelles Chapel
Sunday contemporary service – 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Gospel Worship – 11:15 a.m.
Chapel Center
Sunday traditional – 8:30 a.m.

Catholic

Nelles Chapel
Saturday confessions – 4:15 p.m.
Saturday Mass – 5 p.m.
Chapel Center
Sunday Mass – 10 a.m.
Chapel Center
Sunday Mass – 10 a.m.

Jewish

Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor Aloha Chapel, 471-3971.

Orthodox

For more information, call 438-6687.

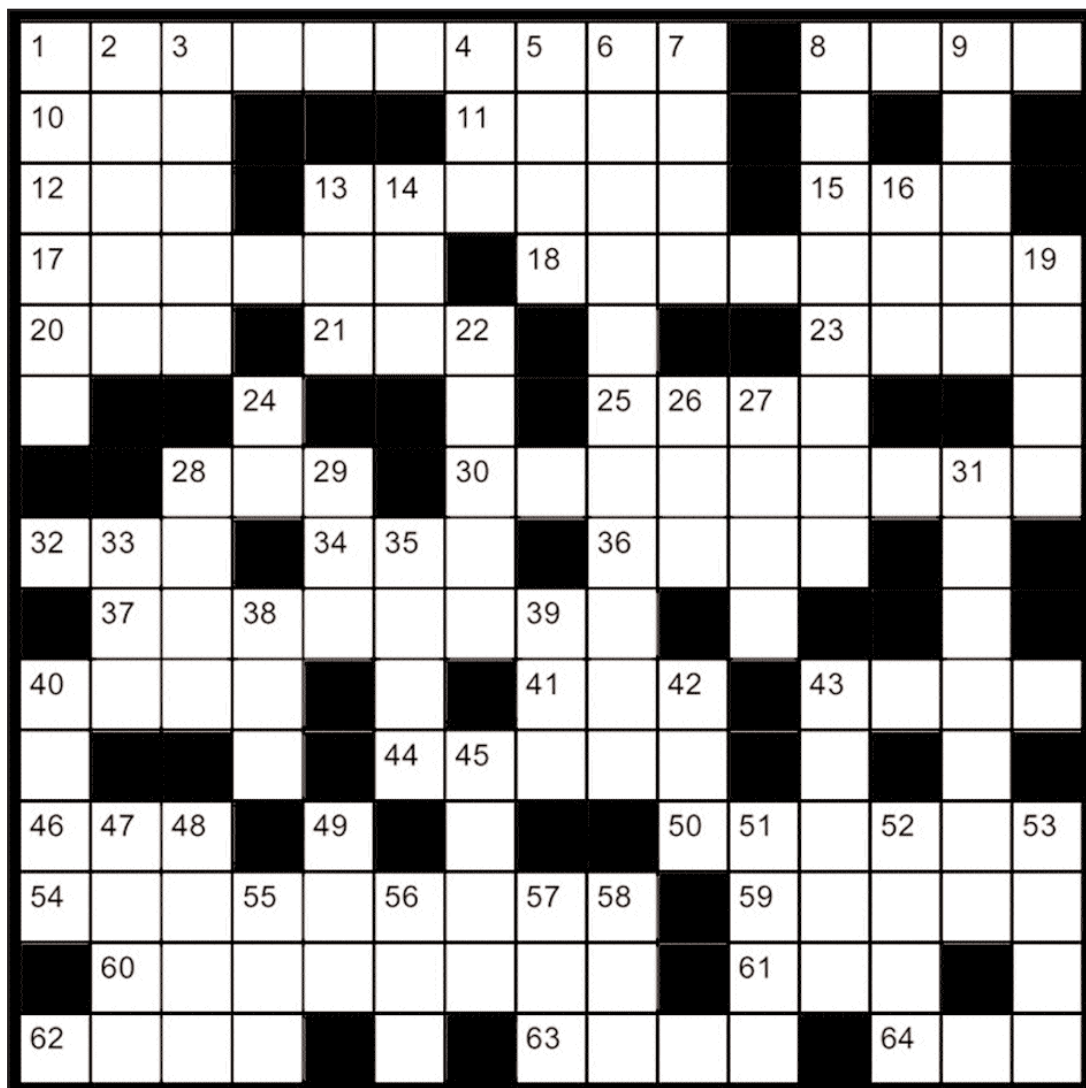
Islamic

Friday congregational service - 1 p.m.
Muslim Association of Hawaii, 947-6263.

Editors note: For more information on Base Chapel services or for prayer requests call the Chapel Center at 449-1754 or Nelles Chapel at 449-6562.



Crossword puzzle: Happy B-Day, U.S. Army



50. General: "Old Blood & Guts"

54. General: "I shall return"

59. Nobody (two words)

60. Army branch

61. Sphere

62. Worry

63. Noble gas

64. Still

DOWN

1. Pancake alternative

2. Idolize

3. Epics

4. Pontiac muscle car

5. Soft mineral

6. Last general with 5 stars

7. Emperor who let Rome burn?

8. General: led US in WWI

9. Army branch

13. Alias abbrev.

14. Above Army Commendation Medal

16. Honest ____

19. Disney ____

22. Type of Italian dish

24. Duty for Beetle Bailey

26. "The Greatest"

27. Number of lives a cat has?

28. Middle East country

29. Army commissioning source

31. Last Army CJCS

33. ALS, SOS, ISS, AWC

35. State home to Wright-Patt

38. Path, in short

39. Army gear harness (abbrev.)

40. Box-shaped wagon on rails

42. Cleopatra killer?

43. Coach

45. Thai money

47. Den

48. Teen concern

49. Period

51. Old English for at once

52. Singer Keith

53. Succeeding

55. Back part of a ship

56. Explosive

57. Vase

58. Type of bread

ACROSS

1. First American Army general

8. Blueprint

10. Oklahoma town

11. Train

12. Clauswitz's famous "____ of war"

13. Singular tooth (two words)

15. Sign of Aries

17. CENTCOM leader for OEF/OIF

18. Ancient army weapon

20. Mil. pay statement

21. Used to increase music output

23. Zeus' wife

25. Indian princess

28. stock offering (abbrev.)

30. Follower of Communist leader

32. Spring mon.

34. Army bed

36. Mar

37. General: got 1953 Nobel prize

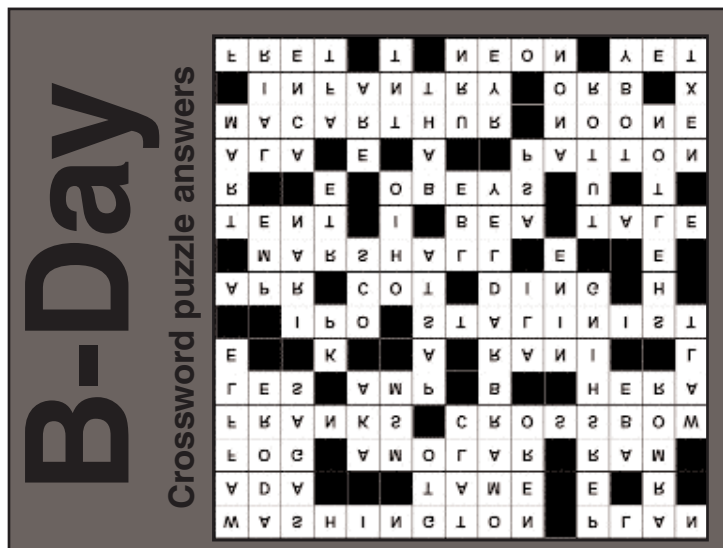
40. Army field need

41. Actress Arthur of Golden Girls

43. Story

44. Abides by

46. Pie ____ mode



Team Hickam History *The Air Force's most historic airfield*

This week in 15th Airlift Wing and Hickam Air Force Base History:

June 14, 1959 – The first permanent military chapel in Hawaii was dedicated at Hickam. The cornerstone had been laid less than seven months before for the concrete block chapel with adjoining education wing, erected at a cost of \$353,856.

June 14, 2001 – Colonel Albert Riggle took command of the 15th Air Base Wing from Brig. Gen. Steve Redmann. Later in the year, General Redmann became the first Air Force commander of Joint Task Force – Full Accounting.

June 16, 2000 – Colonel Wayne Louis assumed command of the 15th Support

Group from Colonel Richard Ingenloff.

June 18, 1956 – Headquarters Far East Air Forces (FEAF) began its move from Japan to Hawaii.

June 19-25 1960 – President Dwight D. Eisenhower visited Hawaii at the conclusion of his tour of the Far East. After reviewing troops with Admiral Harry D. Felt, Pacific Air Command commander, and Governor William F. Quinn, a crowd of more than 3,000 cheering people lined the ramp to bid him Aloha.

For additional information concerning the 15th Airlift Wing and historic Hickam AFB, visit: <http://www2.hickam.af.mil/ho/>

Reunion Tips

From your Family Readiness Program Staff

Editors Note:

Reunion is a time of adjustment after separation. The following tips will appear in the Kukini and are suggestions to help people prepare for a loved ones homecoming and their greatly anticipated reunion.



Support positive growth. Recognize and show pleasure in the positive changes your family has made.

Hickam intramural softball league standings

Men’s Monday - Wednesday			Men’s Tuesday - Thursday			Women’s	
1.	PACAF	13- 1	HIANG-A	17-1	HIANG	9-1	
2.	324th IS	10-4	735th AMS-A	14-3	15th CES/MSS	6-3	
3.	Chief GP	9-5	692nd IOG	11-7	15th SVS/CSS	5-4	
4.	352nd IOS	9-5	502nd AOG	11-7	PACAF	5-4	
5.	735th AMS-B	6-8	15th SFS	10-8	352nd/692nd IOG	2-5	
6.	15th SVS	5-9	15th CES	9-9	15th MDG	2-6	
7.	15th CS	4-10	PACAF-CSS	7-11	735th AMS	2-8	
Next week’s ‘Game of the Week’			HIANG-B	8-10	Standings current as of: June 9		
PACAF vs PACAF RSS, Monday, 5:30 p.m., Field 4			PACAF-RSS	1-16			



Photos by Angela Elbern

Air Force women's base runner Diana Gregory stares down the Marine Corp fielders during Hawaii Armed Services Athletic Council tournament action Tuesday at the base softball complex. Gregory ran her way out of the 'pickle,' eventually scoring the 26th of the teams 28 runs in the game.

Tourney results

Current as of: June 9

Mens Bracket

Monday

Coast Guard 10
Navy 9

Marine Corps 16
Army 13

Air Force 25
Coast Guard 10

Air Force 10
Marine Corps 4

Navy 13
Army 12

Tuesday

Marine Corps 14
Coast Guard 1

Air Force 14
Army 13

Coast Guard 8
Army 6

Navy 10
Air Force 8

Navy 10
Marine Corps 9

Womens Bracket

Air Force 21
Army 1

Army 7
Marine Corps 6

Air Force 31
Marine Corps 3

Air Force 28
Marines 3

Army 12
Marine Corps 8

Air Force 7
Army 3



Women's outfielder Darlene Aguon hits the cut-off as shortstop Jennifer Samson backs her up.

Air Force Hawaii teams compete in armed services softball tourney

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey
Kukini Editor

The Hawaii Men's and women's softball teams were both in action on base Tuesday night in the opening rounds of the Hawaii Armed Services Athletic Council tournament.

The women's team used an arsenal at the plate and air-tight defense to throttle the Marine Corp team, 28-3.

They batted around the line-up in three of the seven innings, scoring 10 runs in the sixth inning to put the game out of reach.

The team was led offensively by Brooke Conolly's inside the park homerun in the fifth and Jennifer Samson going five-for-five, scoring every time she came to bat.

The women enter the elimination tournament as the top seed, going undefeated in four games and outscoring their opponents 87-10 in the process.

Their success is easy to pinpoint, according to team player Joyce Johns.

"We work as a team and talk to each other while we are out there," Johns said. "Most importantly of all, we back each other up."

The men's side held the lead for much of the game against the Navy squad before losing late in the contest.

Despite a monstrous three-run homer in the first inning by Sonny Kebrow and a balanced attack that led to an 8-3 lead entering the fourth inning, the men's teams didn't have an answer to Navy's late-surging offense.

The Navy team scored five in the fourth to knot the game at eight apiece. After a scoreless fifth, the sea farers scored three runs with two outs in the sixth inning, opening a 10-8 lead that would be the final score.

The men's team enters the elimination round of the HASAC tournament the second seed, with their fate in their own hands, according to team coach Kevin Meade.

"Our focus in the elimination round is to minimize errors and take advantage of every opportunity the other teams give us," Coach Meade said. "We have a lot of heart and if we play to our potential, we should receive the championship trophy."



Air Force men's hitter Ken Gestering gets ready to put the ball in play Tuesday night.